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MEDICAL STAFF NOTES

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS continue to be made as the Medical Staff organization for the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center takes form. Committees appointed to date and their respective chairman are Bylaws, Howard Silverman, M. D.; Clinical Investigation and Publication, David Prager, M. D.; Credentials, Walter Okunski, M. D.; Finance, John Shane, M. D.; Infections, Gary Lattimer, M. D.; Joint Conference, Clifford G. Vernick, M. D.; Library, Pieter Knibbe, M. D.; Medical Records, Francis Kleckner, M. D.; Pharmacy and Therapeutics, Michael Ufberg, M. D.; Special Care, Indru Khubchandani, M. D. The two sub-committees of the Utilization Committee and their co-chairmen are Medical Necessities Determination, John Kibelstis, M. D. and Third Party Payer Rejection, Robert Wasko, M. D. A total of 52 physicians have thus far accepted committee assignments.

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THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE is the most recently formed and will hold its first meeting on Monday, July 15. Charged with the responsibility of analyzing requests for equipment not originally budgeted, this Committee will be seeking input from the medical staff. Its plans are to call in department heads as necessary in order to establish priorities after determining what is essential at the time the Hospital opens and what can be deferred until additional operating experience has been gained. Members are Dr. Clifford Vernick, Dr. Indru Khubchandani, Dr. Donald Gaylor, Dr. Dean Dimick and Director of Materials Management John Reges, Director of Nursing Services Florence Brown, Administrator Ellwyn D. Spiker and Assistant Administrator Valeria S. Boyer.

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THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE reports that 34 applications for staff membership have been processed and approved by the Medical Executive Committee at this writing. An additional 50 applications are currently being processed and the Committee's goal is to present approximately 100 applications for board approval at the Annual Meeting on July 25.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

MORE THAN 50 MEMBERS of the Hospital Center Auxiliary have volunteered to serve as tour guides for the weekly program of afternoon tours which will begin on Tuesday, July 16. Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through August, from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M., the ladies will conduct tours of the new facility for small groups, primarily personnel of the parent hospitals. Orientation sessions were held last week and the volunteers are ready to go.